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For: METHOD AND PLANT FOR THE TREATMENT OF MATERIALS IN
PARTICULAR WASTE MATERIALS AND REFUSE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated May 6, 2010, the period to respond being extended 1 month from August 6, 2010 to September 7, 2010 (September 6 being a federal holiday), with payment of the appropriate fees. The following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-18, 21-22 and 24-29 are pending.

Claim Rejection -- 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-2, 7, 10 & 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 4,850,288 to Hoffert et al. (Hoffert) in view of US Patent No. 5,326,254 to Munk; Claims 3-4, 6, 12-13 & 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffert in view of Munk, and further in view of US Patent No. 6,848,375 to Kasin; Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being